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Assignment Three

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Part 1

The Bob Gabriel story is a very good example of a turning point in the war. It is a story about a man who realizes the horrors are wrong but doesn't stop them. He talks about how in the war it went from war to massacres. When he says "We burned a lot of villages. We'd just go burn people's houses down. It was sad." It really shows how it went from war to a horror show. Also he talks about how nobody wants to help him when he is lying in the road. The turning point in the war were it was not war but a fight for everyone's own life and it became more about surviving than it did about fighting the enemy. The battalion he was in was full of people and barely any made it back. They all only fought for their own lives not even thinking of leaving one person behind to save the rest of them. The turning point was the lack of fight in all of the soldiers. The lack of honor. The war was no longer honorable at all. It had become a blood bath. When he says, "I mean they just took off. Left me there all by myself." It is written as clear as day that men no longer wanted to win they wanted to survive. The speaker Bob really represents the turn by his whole war experience, after he was drafted. The turning point for him personally was right when he got to the how he burned villages down and nobody wanted to help him so he made it about surviving. And while he killed a bunch of people they rewarded him for it with R&R, he became a hero for murder. He had no reason to be in the war besides his love for his father and no other reason. That was true for a lot of soldiers and so no longer was there pride amongst soldiers, this piece really shows the lack of that.

Part 2

The end of the war was slow in coming but it represented really well in Steve Sherlock's tale. He actually went to Vietnam. During the time he was there was a petition which just said Fuck War. The man who wrote it was said to have betrayed his duty. Also Sherlock got in trouble when he said that the Vietnamese were people. His colonel told him to. He later discussed starting an anti war division in the units. This man who had been there was done with the war.

That is how you know when the war is over. When its soldiers don't even believe what they are fighting for. And how can you have a war without soldiers that believe in the cause. When he got back he continued his protest. They wanted the war stopped they had been there and they knew what was going on and they wanted it to stop. They put themselves together and tried to stop it. That is when you know a war is really over. When the people in it don't believe and when they are no longer fighting they petition to stop what is happening then you really know that it is over. There is no longer a point for a war when the soldiers fighting it and had fought in it are no longer committed to what it stands for and what the reasoning is.

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